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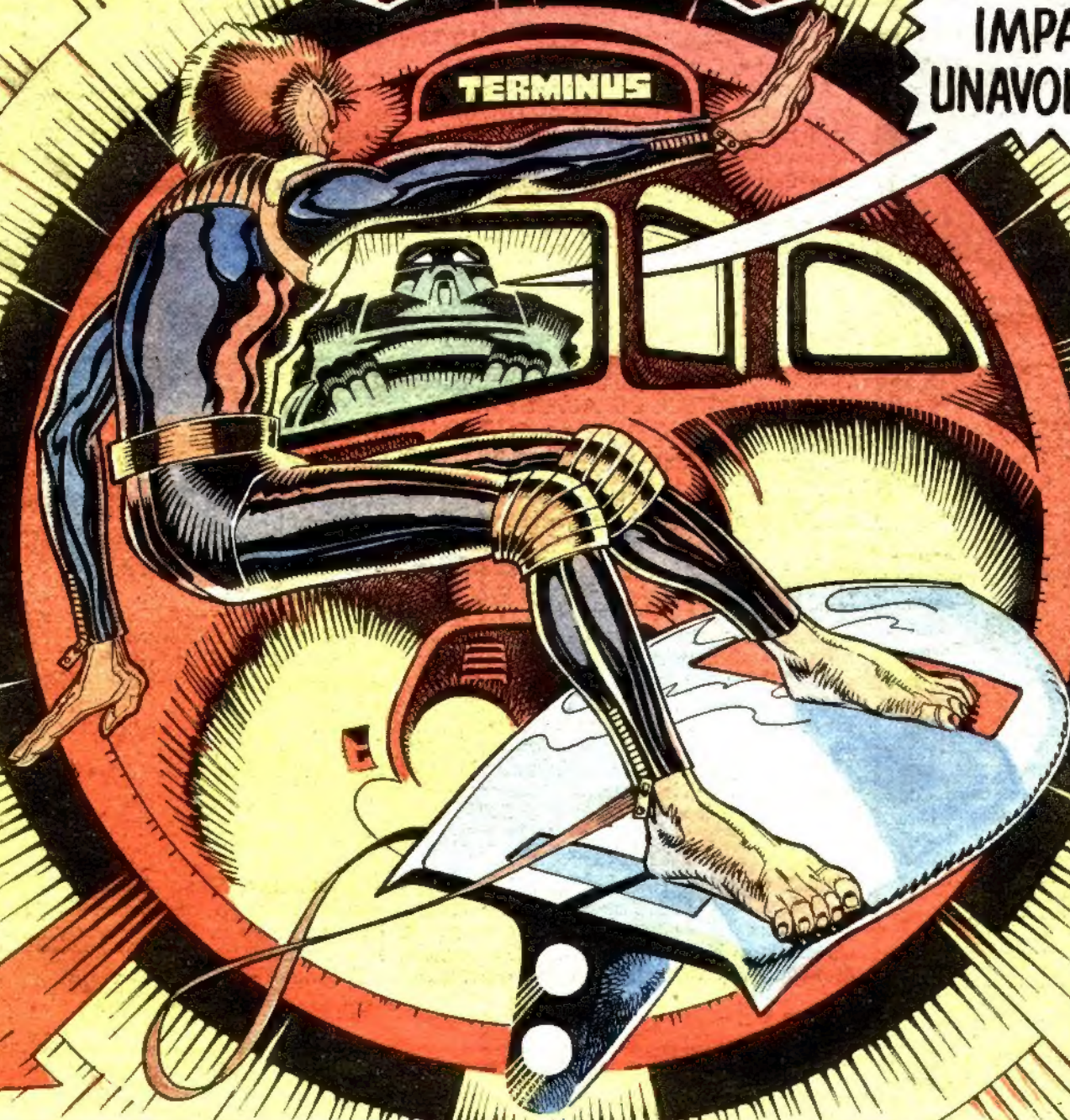
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# 2000 AD

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SPLUNDIG VUR THRIGGE!

# THARG



Drawn by  
Earthlet Russell White.  
Manchester. £10 Winner.

## JUDGE JONES



Drawn by Earthlet Christopher  
Walsh, Glasgow. £10 Winner.

## IS THAT ALL?

Dear Mighty One,

Although I have only been reading your thrill-sucker-repellent comic for 16 weeks, I have been in some very deep thought. To buy my progs - 403 to 419 - I have had to spend £3.84 in Earth money. This means that anyone who has been faithfully reading 2000 AD since Prog 1 has invested the sum of £100.56!

From Earthlet Toby Collier, Warminster. £5 - about 21 progs - Winner.

It is a small price to pay for 8 years of thrill-power. However, Earthlet Toby, 403 to 419 equals 77 progs. I think we should ask another Terran to calculate the correct figure, bearing in mind that the price has not always been 24p Earth money.

## PROGS ON THE PROM

Dear Tharg,

Following your recent feature on comic shops outside London who deal in back progs of 2000 AD, I felt I should add my contribution:

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From Earthlet Kevin Somethingorother, Erith. £5 Winner.

I am glad to hear that thrills have come to Bournemouth. However, I've still heard nothing of a specialist comic shop in Northern Ireland - isn't there one?

## CRUSTACIA'S COMEBACK?

Hail, Mighty One,

It was sad to see the end of two zarjaz sagas in the same prog - I am, of course, referring to *Halo Jones* and *The Helltrakkers*. However, since *Anderson* got her own story, there is one other character who must have her own scrotnig saga...CRUSTACIA GLEMPI Please, please, please, O Mighty One, make millions of Earthlets happy and tell us the tale of Crustacia's life in the New Territories.

From Earthlet Tara Mallinson, Newcastle. £5 Winner.

I fed your suggestion into the Command Module computer. If the engineer droids can repair it, we shall see what can be done.

## TRY PROG 408, GREXNIXI

Tharg,

I'm disappointed in your mag. I have an almost-complete collection of 2000 AD - not easy over here - and I have never seen a letter from the States. I consider this an insult, especially since your thrill-power also overcomes us. I own a shop in the Midwest, and I highly recommend 2000 AD to all my customers. It's g-r-e-a-t.

From Earthlet Kevin J. Bergson, Fargo, U.S.A. £5 Winner.

T-h-a-n-k-s.

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IN A CLEARING IN THE FORESTS OF MOONDOG MOUNTAIN, SMILEY'S WORLD'S NEWEST INHABITANTS GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY ROUTINE —

# Strontium Dog

ACH! THIS IS DER LIFE, EH, JOHNNY? DER SHADY NOOK — DER BABBLING BROOK — UND FOR A WHILE, ALL DER SHOOTING UND KILLING FAR BEHIND US!

AAH! LUNCH!

VY YOU NOT TAKE DER BREAK, JOHNNY? VE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ON VACATION!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE BUILDING A CABIN, TOO, BIG FELLA — BUT I DON'T SEE YOU BREAKIN' SWEAT!

ACH! NEXT VEEK, VULF BUILD!

NEXT WEEK, IT'LL BE FINISHED!

THEN VOT'S DER PROBLEM? YOU NOT BE NEEDING VULF ANYWAY!

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THAT JOHNNY! VORK, VORK, VORK— HE NEVER STOPS! ALWAYS HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO KEEP HIS MIND OFF THINGS— STOP HIM BROODING!



ALL HIS LIFE HE HAS BEEN FORCED TO FIGHT HATRED AND IGNORANCE. NOW HE KNOWS NO OTHER WAY, AND PEACE OF MIND— DER VUN THING HE WANTS— HE CAN NEVER FIND!



MORK-BUGGY COMING IN!



ARE YOU JOHN ALPHA, THE SEARCH/DESTROY AGENT?

THAT'S ME, MA'AM.

MY NAME'S ELEANOR KEEBLE. I'VE COME TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

THREE DAYS AGO MY TOWNSHIP— GOOD HOPE— WAS HIT BY ALIEN SLAVERS. MY HUSBAND— MY THREE CHILDREN— WERE TAKEN AWAY. I WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR...



...THE LAW OFFICER SAYS THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO. HE GAVE ME YOUR NAME. I—I KNOW YOU PEOPLE WORK FOR MONEY ... ONLY I DON'T HAVE ANY!

BUT I'M BEGGING YOU— PLEASE, HELP ME! FIND MY FAMILY!

JOHNNY ALPHA IS A MUTANT. ALL HIS LIFE HE HAS BEEN SCORNEO AND RE-VILED BY NORMS LIKE HER. HELP HER? WHY SHOULD HE?



BECAUSE UNDER THE SKIN, SHE'S A HUMAN BEING JUST LIKE HIM. BECAUSE THIS IS SMILEY'S WORLD—A NEW WORLD—AND MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT HERE...



DON'T CRY, MA'AM. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

BUT, JOHNNY—WE ARE ON VACATION!

YOU STAY AND FINISH THE CABIN, WULF. I'LL BE BACK.



DER CABIN? I THINK NOT—



JOHNNY! WAIT FOR ME!



AT THE LAW OFFICE IN SERENDIPITY—

FROM MRS KEEBLE'S DESCRIPTION, WE CAN IDENTIFY THE SLAVERS AS BLACK GUMBS AND HIS GANG. THEY WORK OUT OF THE DRULE SYSTEM.



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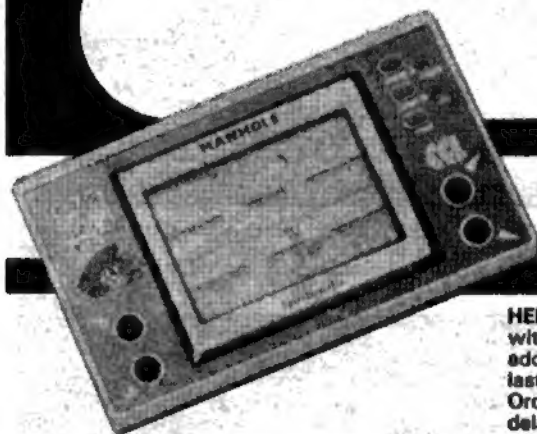
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OMEGA 8 HAS CRASH-  
LANDED...

FIVE DAYS SINCE  
WE CAME DOWN...  
ALL RADIO LINKS  
BUSTED...

PILOT SAM GRAINGER IS  
THE ONLY SURVIVOR...

IT'S A  
BILLION TO ONE  
THAT A RESCUE  
SHIP WILL FIND  
ME HERE!

AND THAT  
SUITS ME JUST  
FINE!



C'MON IN,  
SAM...

THE WATER'S  
LOVELY!

BOY: I MUST BE THE  
LUCKIEST GUY IN  
THE GALAXY...

FINDING YOUR  
OWN LITTLE PATCH  
OF PARADISE IS  
EVERY STARMAN'S  
DREAM!



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WHO NEEDS  
EARTH ANYWAY?  
POLLUTION...  
OVERCROWDING...



GEE, I'LL BE  
HAPPY TO SPEND  
THE REST OF  
MY DAYS  
HERE!

PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS ON GRAINGER  
INDICATE LOW INSANITY THRESHOLD.  
PRESENT COURSE OF TREATMENT TO BE  
CONTINUED...

AND THE  
SCENERY!

I COULD  
SIT AND LAP  
THIS STUFF UP  
FOREVER!



TO PRESERVE HIS SANITY, THE  
REALITY-ALTERING DRUG  
WILL BE ADMINISTERED FOR THE  
REST OF HIS LIFE...

I MEAN, THIS  
MUST BE THE MOST  
BEAUTIFUL  
PLANET IN THE  
COSMOS!





AT THE ALIEN FARM...

MY FATHER IS SENTENCED TO THE ARENA, SLAINE.

A CYTHRON APPROACHED ON AN EXCAVATOR ORGOT...

KEEP GOING. ACT NATURAL.

THEN WE'LL FREE HIM FIRST. WITH THESE CYTHRON SUITS WE CAN BLUFF OUR WAY IN.

BUT...

ESCAPED ANIMALS! SEND HERD ORGOTS TO SECTOR FOUR!

SOTH! HOW DID THEY RECOGNISE US?

I THINK YOUR AURA WAS SHOWING!

AAAAHHH!

SLAINE RETURNED THE CYTHRON'S FIRE, USING HIS OWN OPTICAL LEYSER BEAMS - TRIGGERED BY THOUGHT COMMAND!

SCOTT: PAT MILLS  
DAVID PUGH  
LETTERING: STEVE POTTER











SLAINE WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE GULEDIG...

SO...THIS IS THE ANIMAL WHO SLEW ELFRIC AT CLONTARF.

AND WHO LOST ME AN EYE.

DID YOUR FRIEND WITH THE UGLY FACE MEET WITH AN ACCIDENT, TOO?



DON'T ANTAGONISE HIM, SLAINE. HE IS THE GULEDIG OF ALL THE CYTHRONS.

OCH! HE'S JUST A WEE MAN.

YOU HAVE PLENTY OF SPIRIT. I LIKE THAT.



YOU'LL MAKE AN EXCELLENT OPPONENT FOR THE TYPE THREE BATTLE-ORGOT!

AND WHEN IT DESTROYS YOU, IT WILL SHOW MYRDDIN THAT NO HUMAN CAN RESIST US— THAT WE CYTHRONS ARE INVINCIBLE! PRAISE BE TO ME!



SLAINE WAS THROWN INTO A PRISON UNDERNEATH THE GLADIATORS' ARENA...

SLAINE! COME AND JOIN THE PARTY! MEET MY NEW FRIENDS!

MOGROOTH!



LET'S HAVE A TOAST TO PSSSS... TO POSEIDON, GOD OF ATLANTIS!

SOUNDS APPROPRIATE. YOU MUST HAVE DRUNK MORE THAN ATLANTIS WHEN IT SANK!

HELPS TO KILL TIME... BEFORE WE'RE KILLED.



DON'T MAKE JOKES ABOUT ATLANTIS SINKING...SSHNOT FUNNY...

SNAP OUT OF IT, MOGROOTH! I'M DOWN TO FIGHT SOME MONSTER IN THE ARENA...



WITH YOUR CENTURIES OF EXPERIENCE, I COULD USE SOME FIGHTING TIPS... OR MAYBE YOU'RE PAST IT... OLD MAN!

I'LL SHOW YOU, YOU YOUNG COCKROACH! I'VE BEEN HAPPY DRUNK... I'VE BEEN SHINGING DRUNK... AND NOW I'M...



...FIGHTING DRUNK!

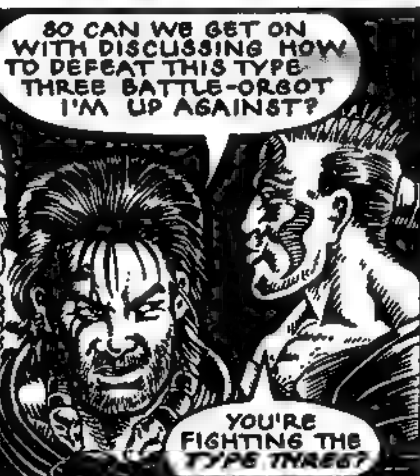


KILL ME, SLAINE! I DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE... I SURRENDERED TO THE CYTHRONS... STOOD BY AND LET MY OWN DAUGHTER BE EXECUTED.

TLACHTGA'S STILL ALIVE. I HELPED HER ESCAPE.



TLACHTGA ALIVE? POSEIDON BE PRAISED!



SO CAN WE GET ON WITH DISCUSSING HOW TO DEFEAT THIS TYPE THREE BATTLE-ORGOT I'M UP AGAINST?

YOU'RE FIGHTING THE TYPE THREE?



YOU'VE SEEN IT? YOU KNOW ITS WEAK SPOTS?

BATTLE-ORGOTS DON'T HAVE ANY!

WE'VE ONLY SEEN THE MARK TWO... IT RIPPED APART SEVEN GLADIATORS AND THREE GUARDS BEFORE THEY GOT IT BACK IN ITS CAGE!

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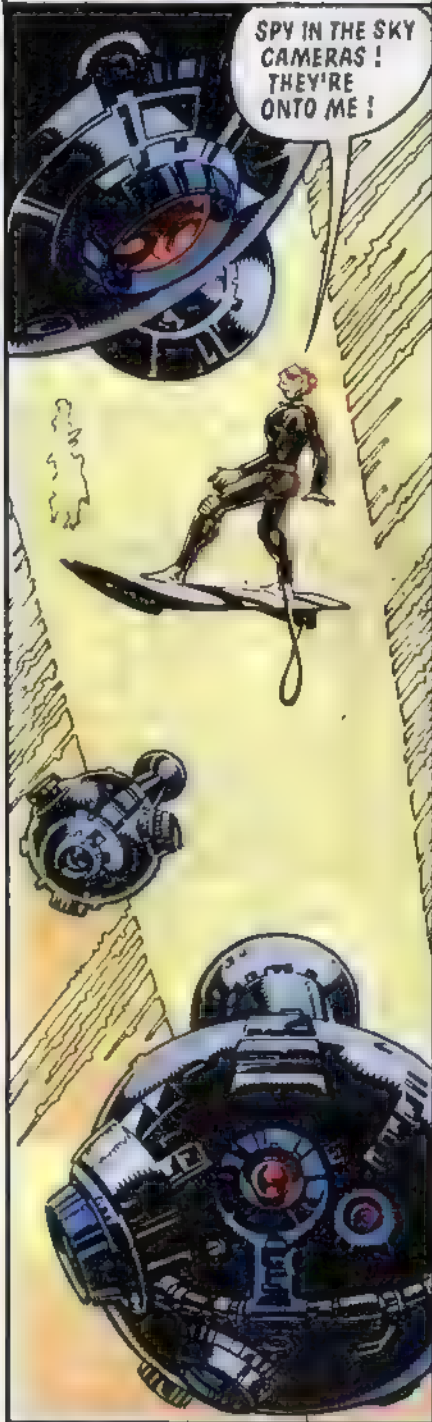
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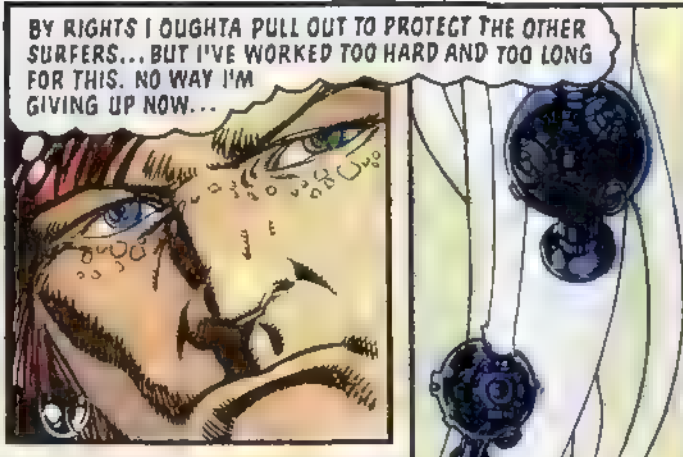
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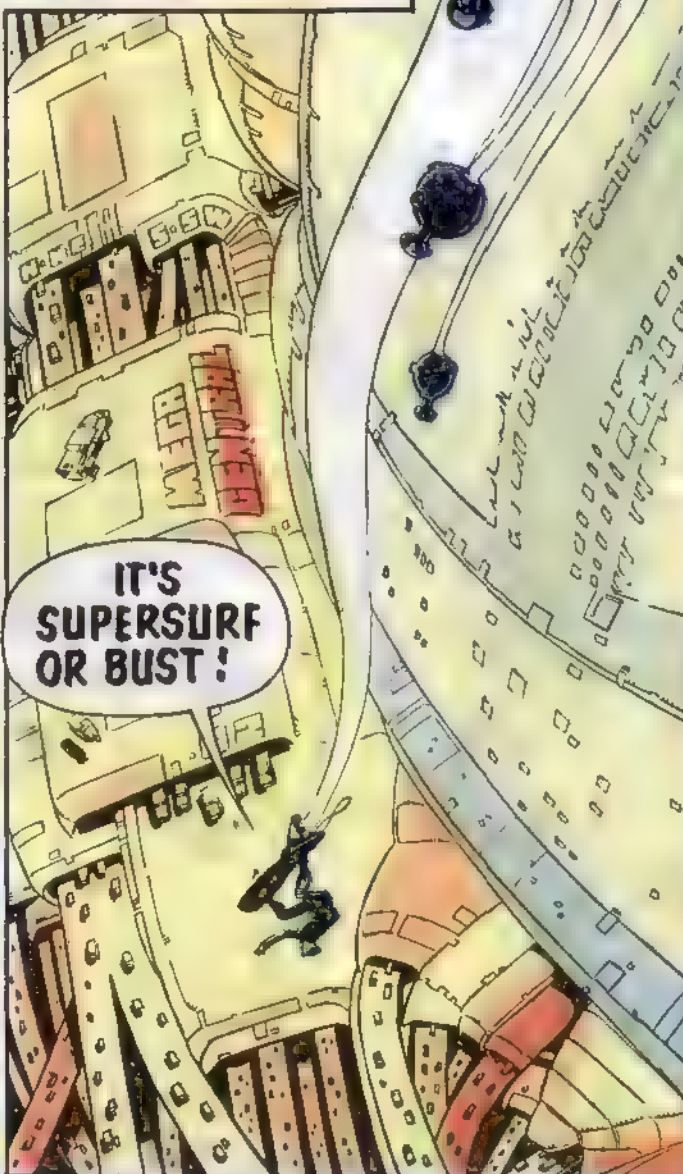
MARLON SHAKESPEARE - ALIAS CHOPPER - ALIAS THE MIDNIGHT SURFER - IS ON HIS WAY TO TAKE PART IN SUPERSURF 7, THE ILLEGAL WORLD POWER BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP. BUT CHOPPER IS NOT ALONE -



SPY IN THE SKY CAMERAS! THEY'RE ONTO ME!



BY RIGHTS I OUGHTA PULL OUT TO PROTECT THE OTHER SURFERS... BUT I'VE WORKED TOO HARD AND TOO LONG FOR THIS. NO WAY I'M GIVING UP NOW...



IT'S SUPERSURF OR BUST!



IN SURVEILLANCE CONTROL, JUDGES WATCH -

HE'S SPOTTED THE CAMERAS! HE'S RUNNING!



HE'S HEADING FOR MEGA-CENTRAL STATION!



MAKE WAY FOR THE MIDNIGHT SURFER!

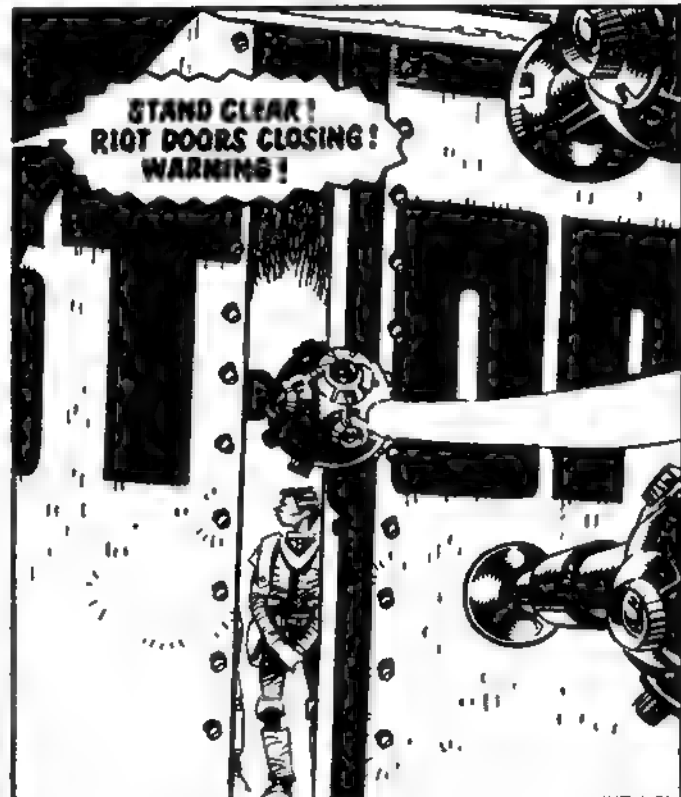
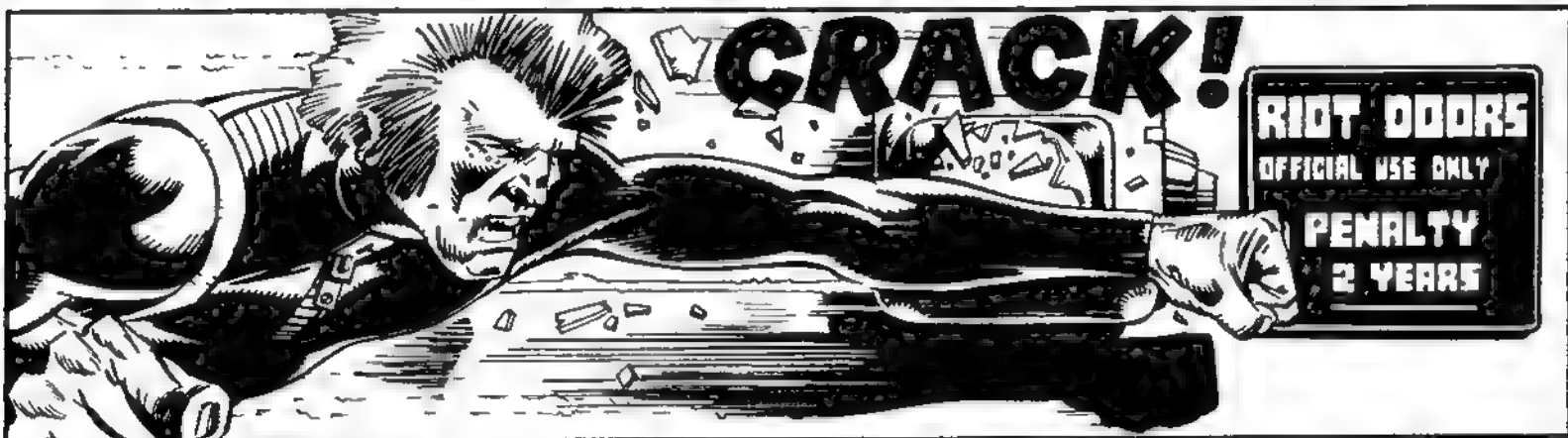
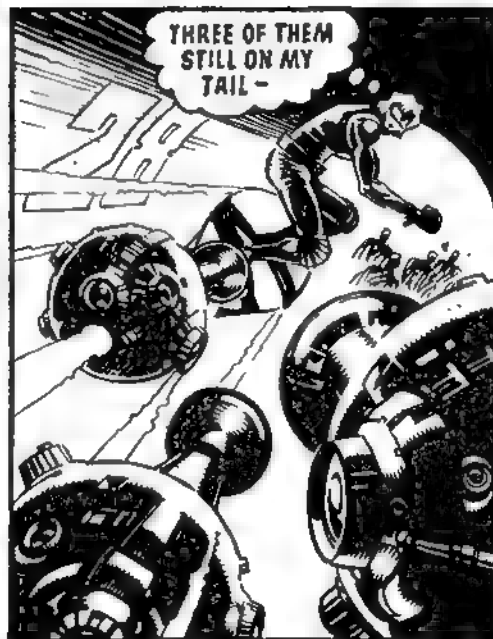
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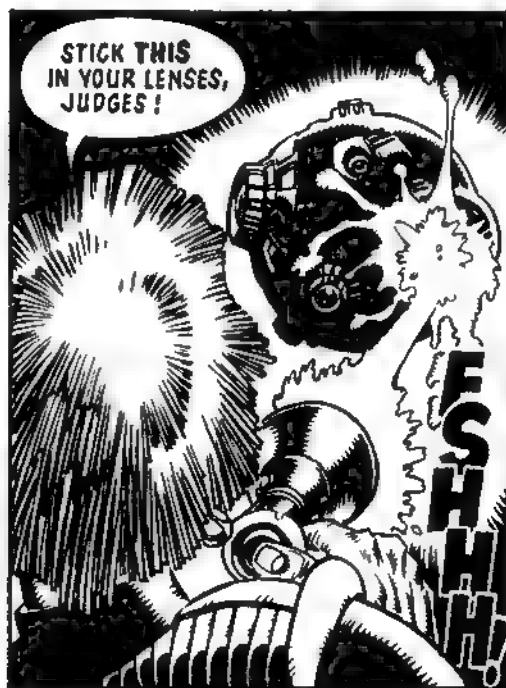
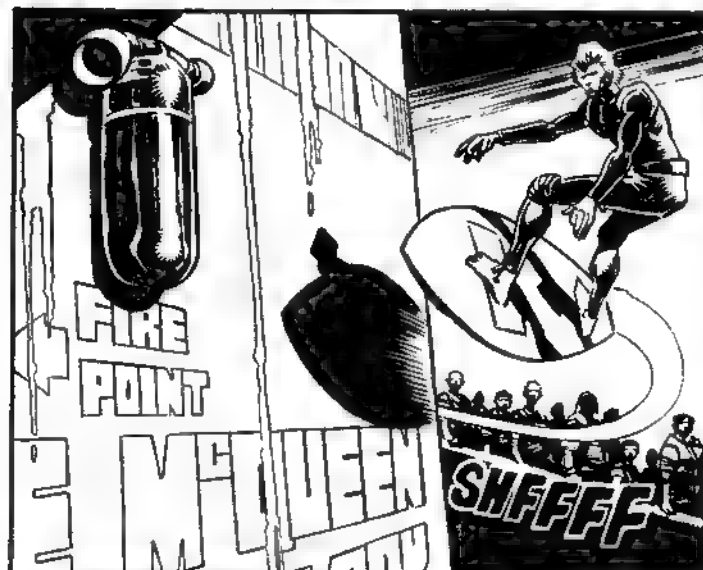
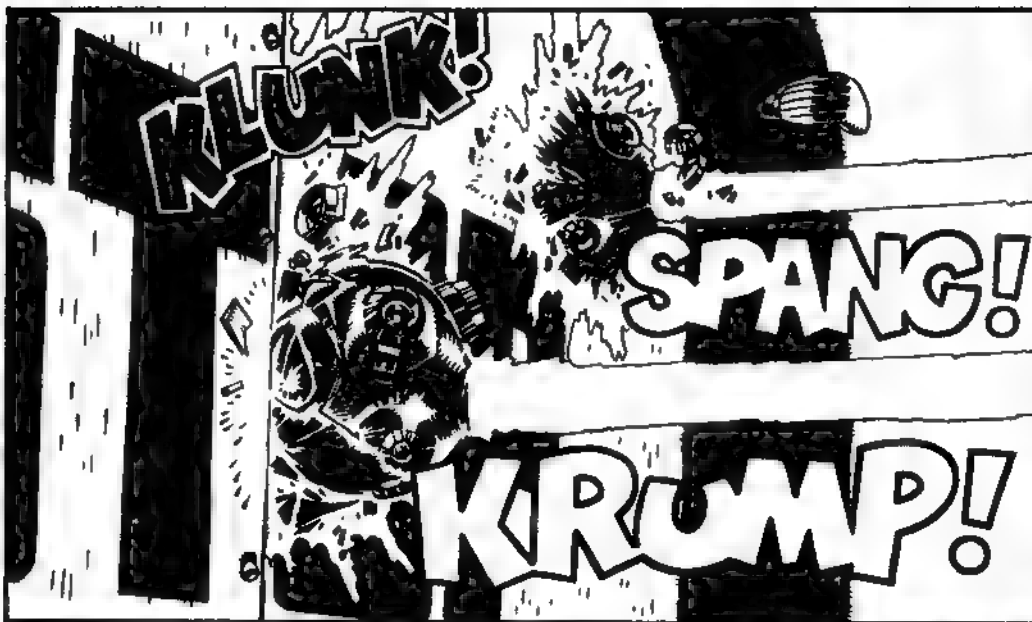
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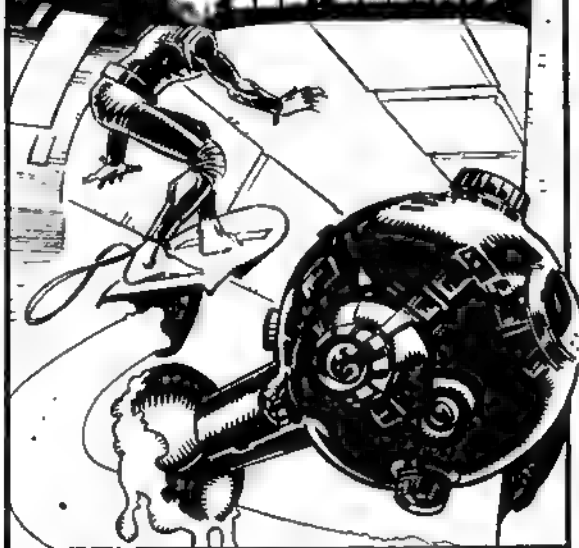






HE KNOWS THEY'LL BE WAITING,  
WHEREVER HE COMES OUT.  
THOSE DAMNED CAMERAS!

TO  
SUB-SUBWAY



BUT THERE'S ONE EXIT  
THEY WON'T EXPECT  
HIM TO USE.

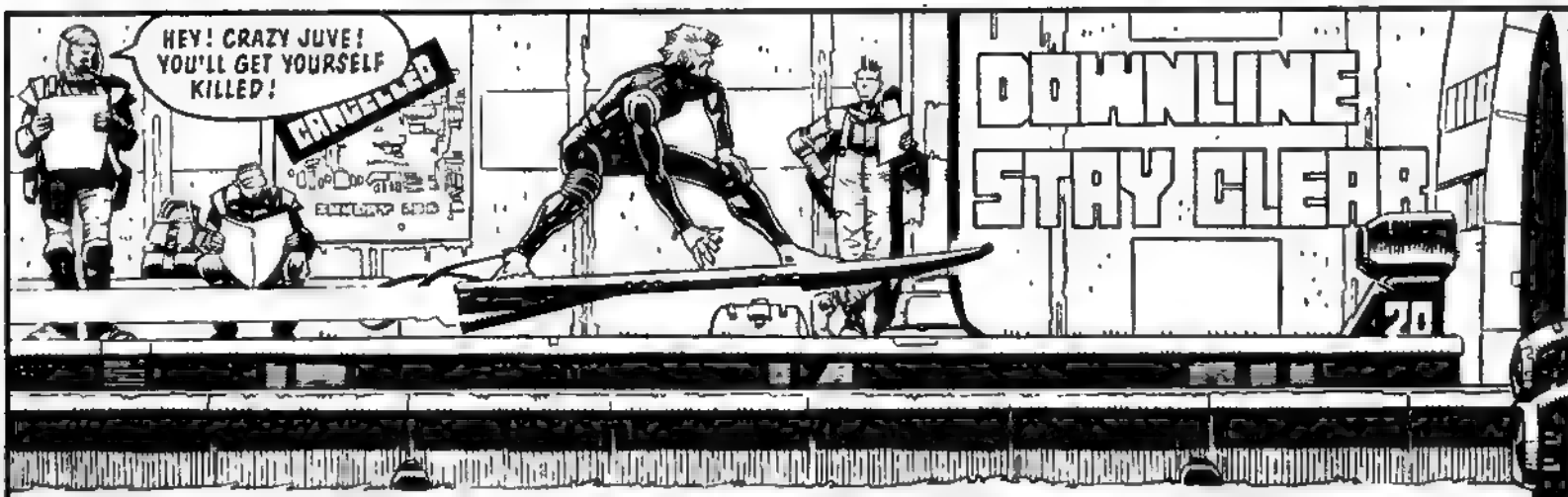


NOBODY IN THEIR  
RIGHT MIND  
WOULD TRY IT!



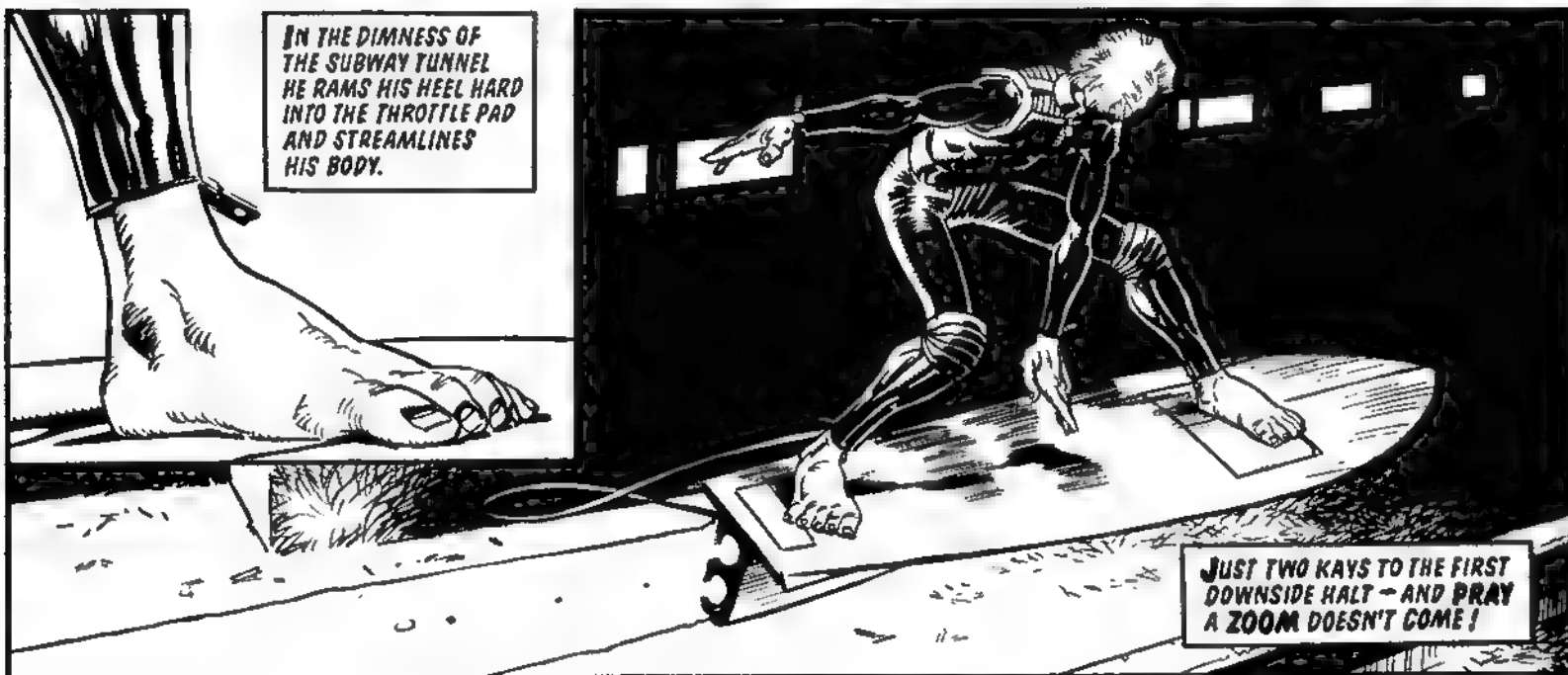
HEY! CRAZY JUVIE!  
YOU'LL GET YOURSELF  
KILLED!

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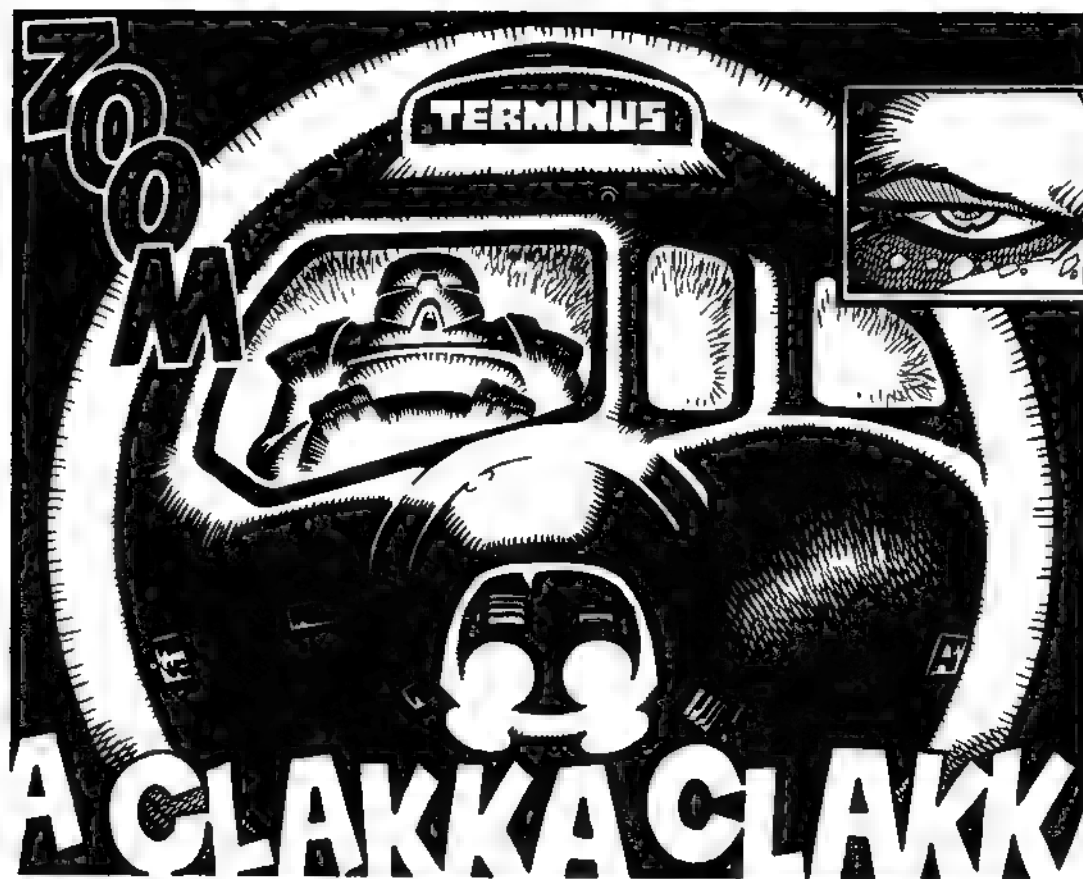


DOWNLINE  
STAY CLEAR

IN THE DIMNESS OF  
THE SUBWAY TUNNEL  
HE RAMS HIS HEEL HARD  
INTO THE THROTTLE PAD  
AND STREAMLINES  
HIS BODY.



JUST TWO KAYS TO THE FIRST  
DOWNSIDE HALT - AND PRAY  
A ZOOM DOESN'T COME!



**BLAST!**

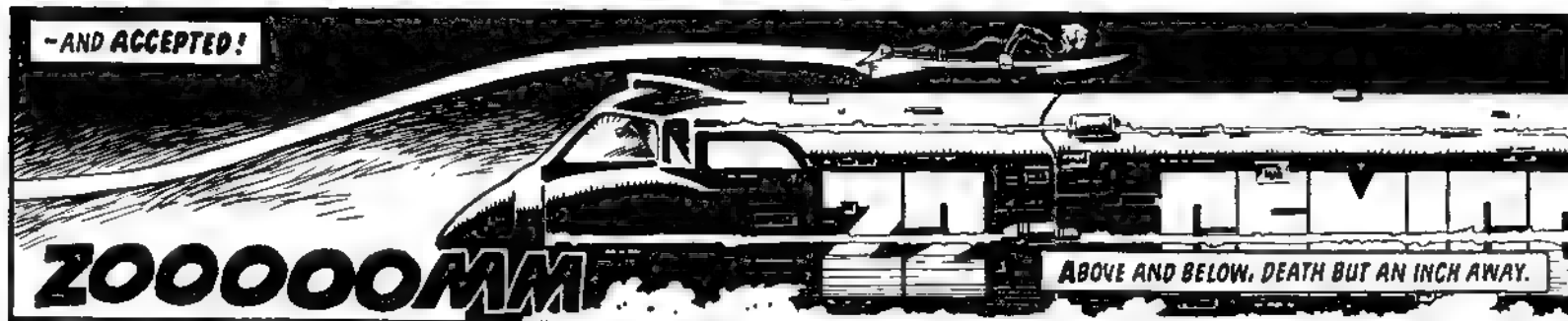


IT DOES NOT OCCUR TO HIM TO TRY TO TURN AND OUTRUN THE RUSHING BEHEMOTH. THE ADRENALIN IS SURGING THROUGH HIM.



THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN MADE—

—AND ACCEPTED!



ABOVE AND BELOW. DEATH BUT AN INCH AWAY.

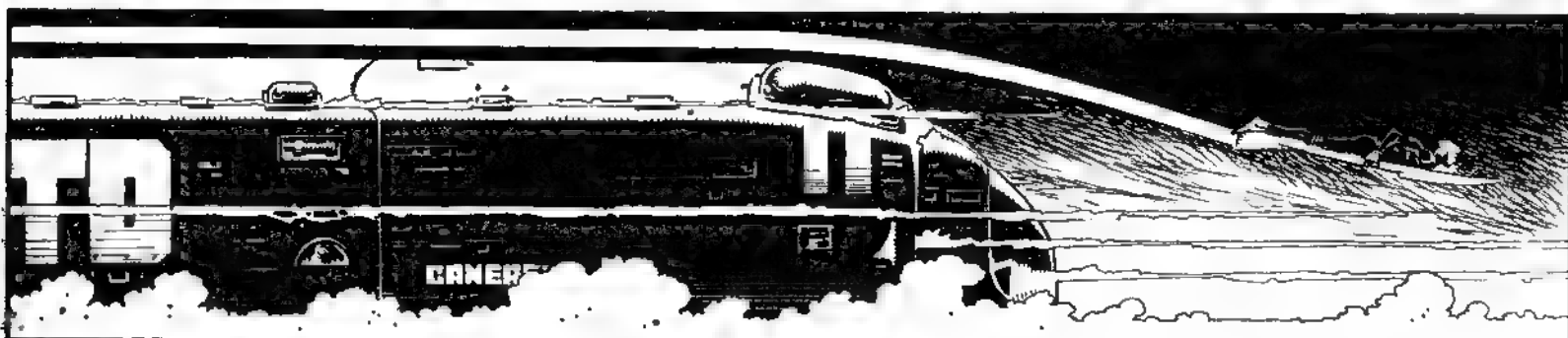


TO KEEP HIS NERVE —

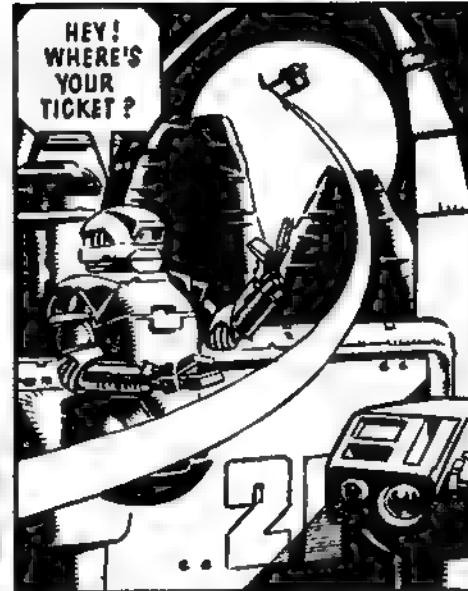
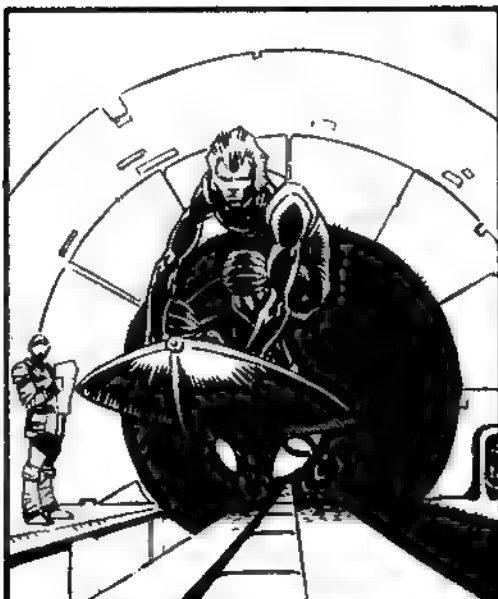
—TO HOLD HIS BOARD ON LINE AGAINST THE BUFFETING WIND THAT EVERY MOMENT THREATENS TO DASH HIM TO ETERNITY —



—THIS, SURELY, IS THE SUPREME TEST.







ROGUE TROOPER HAS INFILTRATED THE NORT-OCCUPIED CITY OF ZONCAP 4, TO RESCUE A CAPTURED SOUTHER-ALLIED SCIENTIST WHO CAN HELP HIM LOCATE THE ANTIGEN... BUT TOO LATE ROGUE DISCOVERS THAT DOCTOR MOHO HAS CHANGED SIDES AND BECOME A COLLABORATOR!

# ROGUE TROOPER



2000AD  
Credit Card:  
SCRIPT ROBOT  
G. FINLEY-DAY  
ART ROBOT  
JOSE ORTIZ  
LETTERING ROBOT  
TONY JACOB  
COMPU-73













ROGUE TURNED AWAY.

LUCKY  
WE GOT MOHO  
TO TALK, HUH,  
ROGUE?

YEAH—BUT  
WAS IT THE  
TRUTH? TRAITORS  
CAN'T BE  
TRUSTED!



ONLY ONE  
WAY TO FIND  
OUT, GUYS...

WE HEAD  
FOR ZONE FIVE  
AND CHECK OUT  
HIS STORY!



NEWS OF ROGUE'S DEVASTATING ATTACK WAS  
FLASHED TO ALL THE SPECIES ALLIED TO THE  
NORT CAUSE.



...AND THE NEXT  
DAY SAW THE  
ARRIVAL IN  
ZONCAP 4 OF AN  
OLD ENEMY.

TWELVE  
DEAD, INCLUDING  
DOCTOR MOHO,  
AND ALL THE WORK  
OF ONE  
SOLDIER!

HE WROUGHT  
SIMILAR DAMAGE  
IN MY ZONE, GENERAL—  
WHICH IS WHY I  
SEEK REVENGE.



SECURITY CAMERA  
IDENTIFY HIM AS A GENETIC  
INFANTRYMAN. WE BELIEVE  
HE IS SEEKING INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE ANTIGEN KNOWN  
AS NEVA.

IT'S LOCATED  
IN THE NEXT  
ZONE.

THEN  
THAT'S WHERE  
WE'LL FIND  
HIM!



WE CAN  
FLOOD THE  
AREA WITH  
TROOPS...WHEN  
THE G.I. ARRIVES,  
HE'LL BE  
WALKING INTO  
A KILLING  
GROUND!

PROG 428.  
RIDERS OF  
THE RED  
DESERT!

# ANDERSON *PSI* DIVISION



DEATH! FIRE! MORTIS! THREE  
SINISTER JUDGES FROM A  
DIMENSION WHERE LIFE IS A  
CRIME HAVE COME TO TERRORISE  
THE MEGA-CITY -

NOW, IN DONG CHURCH BLOCK  
HEALTH CLUB, DARK  
JUDGEMENT CONTINUES!

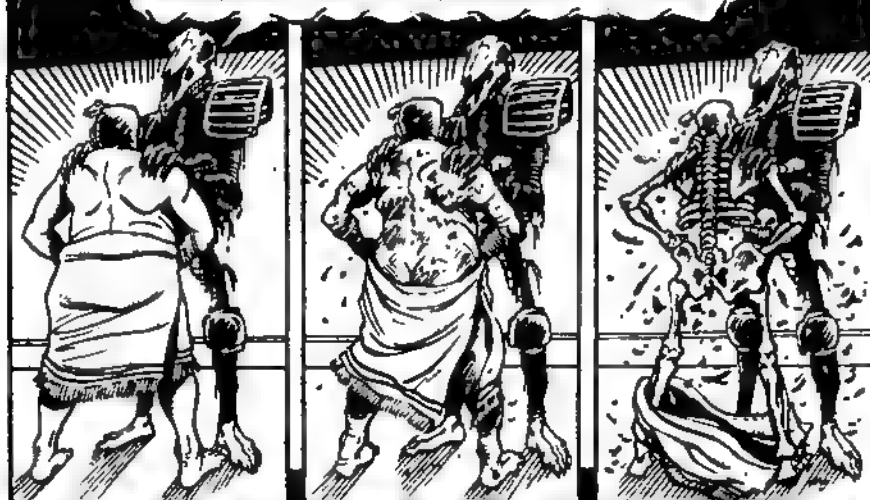


YOU MURDERING SWINE -  
AAAAHHH!



FLATTERY WILL  
GET YOU NOWHERE,  
LAWBREAKER!

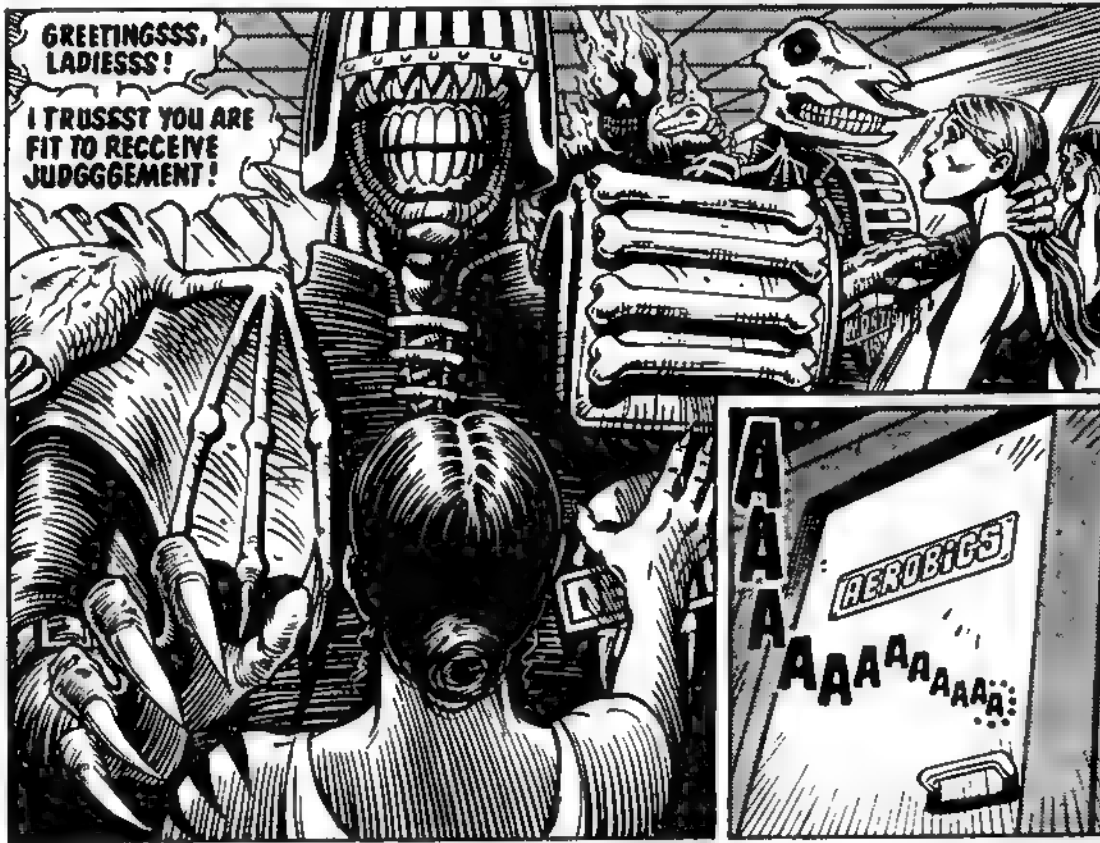
REJOICCE! YOU WILL TRANSGRESS NO MORE!

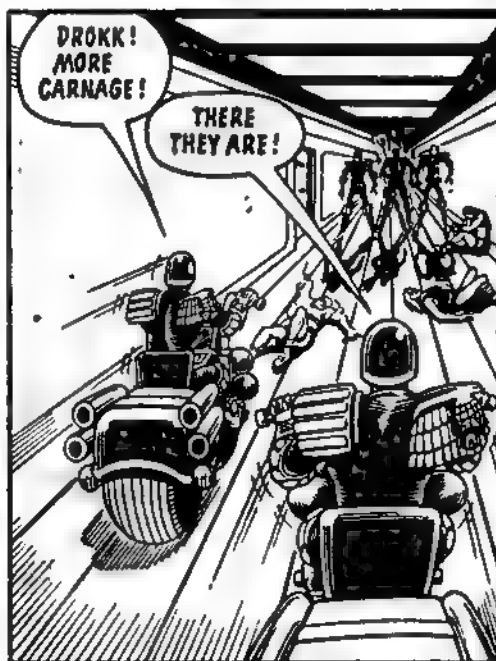


OH MY GOD!











JUDGE KRAVITZ, A PSI DIVISION PRE-COG, HAS PREDICTED THE DARK JUDGES WILL APPEAR IN THE STORE AT 0815 HOURS -

I JUST GOT A BRIEF FLASH. I SAW THEM ABOUT HERE - AMONG THE TOILETRIES AND PERFUMES.

IF THE CREEPS THINK THEY'LL GO OUT SMELLIN' PRETTY, THEY CAN FORGET IT! ALL THE PERFUMES OF ARABY COULDN'T COVER THEIR STENCH!

OKAY, GANG, AS SOON AS THE THREE STOOGES SHOW UP, I WANT MAXIMUM FIRE DIRECTED ON THEIR WEAPON BELTS. EITHER WE TAKE OUT THEIR D-JUMPS AND TELEPORTERS TOOT SWEET - OR WE CAN ALL GO HOME!

WHAT IF KRAVITZ IS WRONG? WHAT IF THEY DON'T APPEAR?

THEN YOU CAN DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY, DENNIS! DON'T ASK STUPID QUESTIONS.

0801... FOURTEEN MINUTES TO CRUNCH TIME!

I JUST HOPE YOU SHOW, BOYS. YOUR OLD PAL ANDERSON'S FOULED UP ENOUGH ALREADY, SHE COULD USE A LITTLE MENTION IN DESPATCHES!

0808... JUDGES ARE CALLED TO A SECTOR 130 UNDERPASS...

THE DARK JUDGES!

THEY'RE IN THERE!

THEY'RE KILLING EVERYBODY!

PLEASE!  
PLEASE!  
NOT ME!





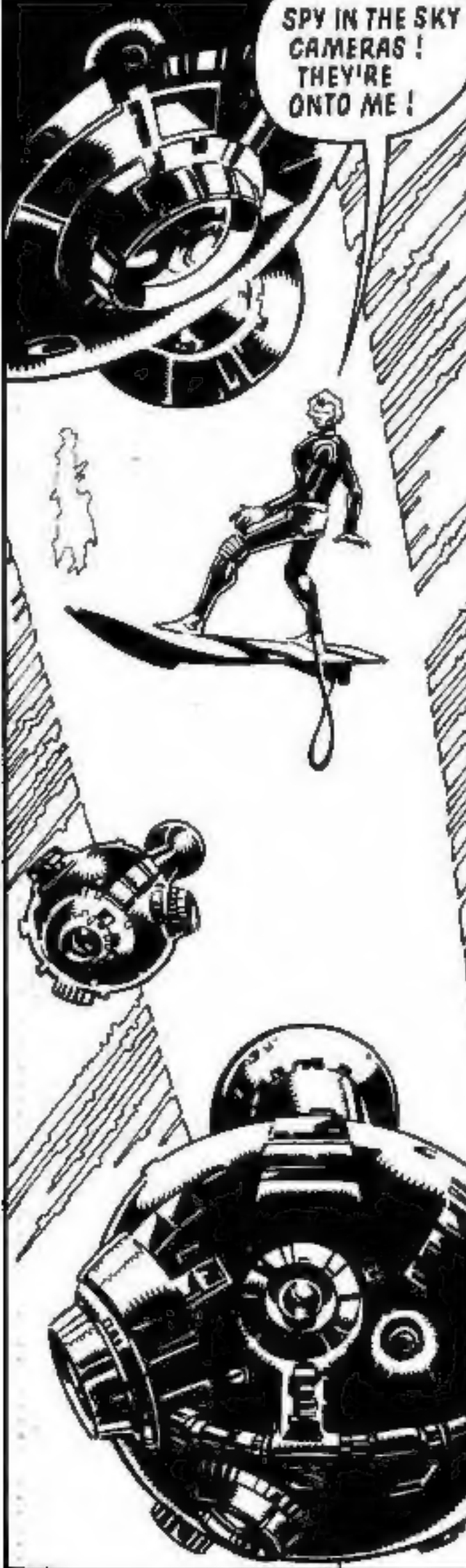
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*The Ballad Of*  
**HALO**  
**JONES**





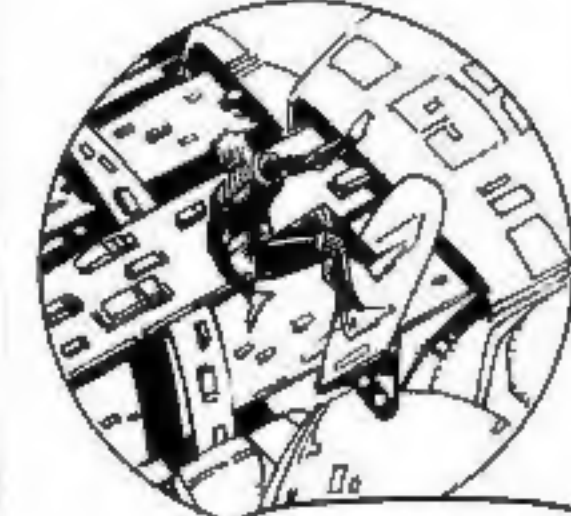
MARLON SHAKESPEARE - ALIAS CHOPPER - ALIAS THE MIDNIGHT SURFER - IS ON HIS WAY TO TAKE PART IN SUPERSURF 7, THE ILLEGAL WORLD POWER BOARD CHAMPIONSHIP. BUT CHOPPER IS NOT ALONE -



BY RIGHTS I OUGHTA PULL OUT TO PROTECT THE OTHER SURFERS... BUT I'VE WORKED TOO HARD AND TOO LONG FOR THIS. NO WAY I'M GIVING UP NOW...



IN SURVEILLANCE CONTROL, JUDGES WATCH -



JUDGE DREDD

MIDNIGHT SURFER



DESIGNED BY T. GROVER  
ART BY CAM KENNEDY  
LETTERING BY T. FRAME



PROG 426  
13 JULY 85

IN ORBIT  
EVERY  
MONDAY

\$1.45 Malaysia  
65c Australia  
65c New Zealand  
88c Mercury  
210c Venus  
66c Mars  
90c Asteroid Belt  
110c Saturn  
100c Neptune  
2c Pluto

24p  
EARTH  
MONEY

FEATURING JUDGE DREDD

TERMINUS

INTRUDER  
ON TRACK!  
IMPACT  
UNAVOIDABLE!





I WARNED  
YOU, CREEP!  
IT'S A CRIME  
TO SCAN  
2000AD!

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